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Hoopeston Public Library announces new purchases

The following new books have arrived at the Hoopeston Public Library:

Fiction: "Ghostlight" by Marion Bradley; "Mint Julep Murder" by Carolyn G. Hart; "coming Home" by Rosamunde Pilcher; "Dead Man's Walk" by Larry McMurtry; "Sheba" by Jack Higgins; and "Dance on the Wind" by Terry C. Johnston.

Also, "Legacies" by Janet Dailey; "Burning Angel" by James Lee Burke; "Gump & Co." by Winston Groom; "Beach Music" by Pat Conroy; "New Lives, New Loves" by Carolyn Keene; "Cowgirls

of the Mariposa" by Lana James; "The Dark Secret" by R.L. Stine; "The Shield of Honor" by Gilbert Morris; "Lightning" by Danielle Steele; "For the Roses" by Julie Garwood; "Iced" by Carol Higgins Clark; "From Potter's Field" by Patricia D. Cornwell; and "The Valentine Legacy" by Catherine Coulter.

Non-fiction: "A Penny Saved: Using Money to Teach Your Child the Way the World Works" by Neale S. Godfrey; "Construction: Principle, Materials & Methods" by Harold Bennett Olin; "The

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Discrimination cases not speedy through state agency

Editor's Note: The following column, written by Hoopeston attorneys Calvin Hultquist and Kate Giffen, are part of a continuing series. They will run as space allows.

When a person believes he or she has been discriminated against on the basis of sex, race, national origin, religion, handicap or for related reasons, Illinois law requires that before an employer or other alleged discriminating person can be sued in court, the accuser must first file a complaint with the Department of Human Rights (DHR).

The IDHR then has exclusive jurisdiction to investigate and take legal action against the employer. The problem is that the IDHR is so understaffed, underbudgeted and inefficient that it actually has very little impact on discrimination in Illinois.

For example, once a complaint is filed with the

IDHR, the agency will send a letter to the complaining party, advising that it usually takes up to 22 months for the agency to even assign an investigator to the case. When a woman is faced with a boss who is fondling her, 22 months is just too long to wait for action.

A review of the department's own annual report reveals that the vast majority of people filing complaints drop their complaints and very few cases are ever prosecuted by the agency.

Fortunately, if a complainant insists, the agency will often voluntarily relinquish its right to investigate the complaint and the victim is then free to pursue a lawsuit through a private attorney. Unfortunately, by the time this occurs, witnesses memories have faded, evidence is older and often the situation has escalated to appoint where the

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by Calvin Hultquist/
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And "Kidshapes: A Guide to Helping Your Kids control Their Weight" by Laura Nathanson; "Games for Writing: Playful Ways to Help Your Child Learn to Write" by Peggy Kaye; "The Dying of the Trees: The Pandemic in America's Forest" by Charles E. Little; "I'm Only One Man!" by Regis Philbin; "Time Management for Dummies: by Jeffrey J. Mayer; "The Rummager's

Thursday Trivia

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Today's question: **Who said "Everything is funny as long as it is happening to somebody else"?**

Last week's winner: **Landy Smith**
 Last week's answer: **The Cornjerkers faced Prairie Central for Homecoming.**

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victim has either quit or been fired.

If only very rarely are cases prosecuted, then it seems that the \$6 million budget might be better spent elsewhere. Nonetheless, for now, it remains necessary for victims of discrimination to jump through the hoops that seem almost purposely designed to discourage victims from pursuing their rights.

Finally, when you believe you have been discriminated against, it is extremely important that you file a complaint with the IDHR within 180 days. Your attorney can provide more details about this deadline and your rights.

Handbook: Finding, Buying, Cleaning, Fixing, Using and Selling Secondhand Treasures" by R.S. McClurg; and "Ask the Doctor: Asthma" by Vincent E. Friedewald.

Also, "The Politics of Glory: How Baseball's Hall of Fame Really Works" by Bill James; "To Renew America: by Newt Gingrich; "Prisoners of the Japanese: POWs of World War II in the Pacific" by Gavan Daws; "Managing Livestock Production" by Kimberly Reda-Wilson; "Soil Management" by John C. Siemens; "Marketing Agricultural Commodities" by Wayne Purcell; and "The Laura Ingalls Wilder Country Cookbook" by Laura Ingalls Wilder.

Police News



No tickets or injuries were reported in an accident at 3:09 p.m. Tuesday. Christopher S. Coon, 618 S. Sixth Ave., was pulling his 1994 Chevrolet from an alley near his residence when he struck a bicycle ridden by Robert McIntyre, 516 W. Maple. Coon was at fault for failure to yield the right of way to a pedestrian.

Kurt R. Kochell, 820 E. Main, reported Tuesday that while stopped at West Washington and Seventh Ave., several people in a car behind him approached his vehicle, arguing with him, breaking out windows of his vehicle and threatening him and his passenger.

In the hospital



Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital
Sept. 26, 1995

Admitted: John Richardson, Oxford, Ind.; Jose Colunga, Hoopeston.

Discharged: none.

Weather



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